The said Bill has referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development for examination and report. The Standing Committee presented its report to Rajya Sabha on 5-12-2001. The matter is now under consideration in Rajya Sabha.

New Anti-Anthrax Vaccine

2173. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "JNU lab could give Washington its latest weapon against terror" stating that a bio-technology Scientist Shri Bhatnagar has developed an anti-anthrax vaccine, with much less toxic effects that the one developed lately by the Pasteur Institute, which appeared in The Indian Express, dated the 4th November, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the vaccine has been finally tested for its efficacy, toxicity and side-effects; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The preparation is yet to undergo animal/clinical trial.

Potential of Ayurvedic/Herbal drugs in the international market

2174. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ayurvedic/herbal drugs have great potential in international market;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give some concessions to herbal drug industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government will give such concessions to domestic herbal drug manufacturers ?